

There are a number of interesting pieces of HIPAA information included. Of special interest may be:

Information Security and Privacy Conference with a special HIPAA Track
Updated FAQ's re Privacy Rule

As always: Please be sure to note that in some cases the information presented may be the opinion of the original author. We need to be sure to view it in the context of our own organizations and environment. You may need additional information, support, legal opinions and/or decision documentation when interpreting the rules.

My thanks to all the folks who have shared information for this e-news.
Have a great day!!!

Ken

Interesting items below:

October 17 Conference - see below and attachment
Updated FAQ re Privacy Rule
Privacy Bills signed by Governor
LAO Report text related to HIPAA and 2002-03 Budget
HHS Post on covered entity decision tool
HIPAA Implementation Newsletter -- Issue #43 - Friday, October 5, 2002

***** October 17 Conference *****

>>> "Roberts, Bill" <Bill_Roberts@CalPERS.CA.GOV> 09/30/02 04:21PM >>>
Hello -

As President of Sacramento ISSA, I extend an invitation for you to attend this super-event - - If you have already registered, please invite your colleagues to also attend. Entrance to the exhibition is FREE.

Thank you.

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***** Updated FAQ re Privacy Rule *****

>> Stephen Marshall <SMarshall@co.sutter.ca.us> 10/09/02 08:18AM >>>

[The Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights has issued an](#)

updated listing of frequently asked questions about the Privacy Rule. This document can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/faqs1001.doc>. OCR has also issued an unofficial version of the text of the Privacy Rule which incorporates all modifications. The Privacy Rule text may be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/combinedregtext.pdf>.

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***** LAO Report text related to HIPAA and 2002-03 Budget *****

>>> Stephen Marshall SMarshall@co.sutter.ca.us > 09/27/02 10:18AM >
FYI -- The *California Spending Plan 2002-03* just released by the Legislative Analyst's Office includes the following:

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

The HIPAA is a federal law that, among other provisions, establishes national standards and requirements for the transmission, storage, and handling of certain electronic health care data. The budget plan postponed to 2002-03 a large part of the HIPAA compliance expenditures initially scheduled for 2001-02 due to the state's fiscal problems. Also, about \$4 million from the General Fund (\$6.1 million all funds) proposed for HIPAA remediation activities was deleted until state agencies complete an assessment of the steps they need to take to comply with the federal law. Overall, the budget plan provides an additional \$20.7 million General Fund (\$59.2 million all funds) to 13 state agencies for HIPAA compliance efforts.

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Subject: LAO Report: California Spending Plan 2002-03

The Legislative Analyst's Office has just issued the following report:

-----California Spending Plan 2002-03-----

In this report, we discuss the factors underlying the major fiscal challenge facing the state in 2002-03, describe the key actions taken to address the shortfall, and provide detail on the adopted budget package. (77 pp.)
Available in the following formats:

HTML: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2002/spend_plan_02/0902_spend_plan_toc.html

Adobe Acrobat: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2002/spend_plan_02/0902_spend_plan.pdf

***** Privacy Bills signed by Governor on Sept. 25 *****

AB 2191, by Assemblymember Carole Migden (D-San Francisco), adds pharmaceutical companies to the list of health care providers, health insurance carriers, and contractors that are prohibited from disclosing a patient's medical information without first obtaining authorization. The bill also prohibits a pharmaceutical company from requiring a patient to authorize disclosure to receive medications. Supported by the California Academy of Family Physicians, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

SB 1386, by Senator Steve Peace (D-El Cajon), requires a State agency that maintains computerized data that includes personal information to disclose any breach of the security of that data to any California resident whose unencrypted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. This bill gives consumers notice that unauthorized individuals have acquired their personal and/or financial information, thereby giving them the opportunity to take proactive steps to ensure that they do not become victims of identity theft.

***** HHS Post on covered entity decision tool *****

>>> "Leah Hole-Curry" <Leah.Hole-Curry@foxsys.com> 09/27/02 03:16PM >>>
HHS has posted guidance on covered entity decisions in web page and (scroll down) pdf form.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/support/tools/decisionsupport/default.asp>

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